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SUBJECT: PARAGUAYAN FONMIN VISITS; PRESIDENTIAL VISIT DISCUSSED

1. FOREIGN MINISTER RAUL SAPENA PASTOR VISITED SEOUL JULY 27-31 AND CONCLUDED PRO-FORMA SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL AGREEMENT WITH ROK FOREIGN MINISTER KIM DONG-JO. KIM ANNOUNCED THAT THE ROK WOULD OPEN A RESIDENT EMBASSY IN ASUNCION LATER THIS YEAR. ACCORDING TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE THE AMBASSADOR IN BUENOS AIRES WILL CONTINUE TO BE ACCREDITED TO PARAGUAY, BUT A CHARGE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO A ONE-MAN OFFICE IN ASUNCION TO PROVIDE PERMANENT SOUTH KOREAN OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION.

2. NOT ANNOUNCED WAS THE POSSIBILITY THAT PARAGUAYAN PRESIDENT ALFREDO STROESSNER WILL VISIT SEOUL IN THE MIDDLE OR LATTER PART OF SEPTEMBER IN CONJUNCTION WITH A STILL TENTATIVE VISIT TO TAIPEI. IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY BY AN EMBASSY OFFICER, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORMED US THAT PARAGUAYAN AMBASSADOR

ENCISCO INITIALLY RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT AND FOREIGN MINISTER PASTOR SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED TO FOREIGN MINISTER KIM THAT A VISIT BY STROESSNER WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION. PASTOR STRESSED THAT THE VISIT HINGED ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR STROESSNER TO VISIT TAIPEI. KIM REPLIED THAT WHILE
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A FORMAL RESPONSE WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT CONSULTATIONS WITH PRESI-

DENT PAK, WHO IS CURRENTLY OUT OF THE CAPITAL ON VACATION,
SOUTH KOREA WOULD WELCOME A VISIT BY THE PRESIDENT OF PARAGUAY,
SUBJECT ONLY TO SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING TIMING.
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